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1. THE TEACHERS' STRIKE CONTINUES TO AFFECT SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE LIMA/CALLAO AREA AND SOME OTHER CITIES. SUPPORT FOR THE STRIKE APPEARS TO BE DIMINISHING BUT ACCURATE NATIONAL INFORMATION ON THE EXTENT OF SUPPORT IS SLOW IN REACHING LIMA. TRUJILLO AND CHIMBOTE WERE REPORTING ABOUT 75 PERCENT TEACHER ATTENDANCE MAY 10. (THE MOSCOW LINE FENCAP HAD ANNOUNCED THE END OF ITS 48 HOUR PROTEST MAY 9 AND URGED TEACHERS TO RETURN TO THEIR JOBS.) IN THE LIMA AREA, PRIMARY SCHOOLS APPEAR TO BE FUNCTIONING, SOMETIMES WITH REDUCED STAFF, BUT MANY HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE LIMA/CALLAO AREA ARE STILL UNABLE TO CARRY OUT THEIR REGULAR SCHEDULES. THE SITUATION MAY 12 IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY A SERIES OF MOTHERS' DAY PROGRAMS WHICH SOME OF THE "STRIKING" TEACHERS MAY BE ATTENDING.

2. ONE SMALL SUTEP DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE IN DOWNTOWN LIMA MAY 12 WHICH WAS DISPERSED WITH TEAR GAS. THE GOP-SPONSORED TEACHERS' UNION (CERP) HAS CONDEMNED THE STRIKE AS A POLITICAL ACT AGAINST THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. SUTEP'S FAR LEFT LEADERS HAVE IN FACT CONDEMNED THE ELECTIONS AS "IRRELEVANT"
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AND OPPOSED TEACHER PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN.

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